

# PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
J. Merrill et al.

Examiner: X. Xie  
Art Unit: 1646

Application No.: 10/602,927

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Title: OSTEOPONTIN, OLIGODENDROCYTES AND MYELINATION

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated March 28, 2006 in the above-referenced application, the period for response having been extended two months to August 28, 2006 in accordance with the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following the amendments and remarks for the purposes of allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Please amend the Claims as set forth in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Please enter and consider the Remarks beginning on page 4 of this paper.